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Block Quotes

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-- Liberal Political Science professor Dr. Shafiq Al-Ghabra inquired in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai under the title "Turbulent Challenges Facing Lebanon" (11/03):

"The major questions facing Lebanon are: Why the assassination of all who spoke of a serious investigation into the assassination of Al-Hariri? Who is the power behind the assassination whether it be Lebanese or Arab? What will the international tribunal uncover? Who are the real parties, inside or outside Lebanon, that are concerned with this assassination? What is the limit for Hezbollah's participation in the greater confrontation between Iran and the United States?"

-- Under the title "The Culture of Violence, Extremism, and Terrorism" Abdullah Al-Hadlaq penned in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan (12/03):

"It is clear that a culture of violence, extremist thinking, terrorism, revolutionary ideologies, dissent, and contentiousness are the elements of Hezbollah's ideology and direction. These have been fed to it since its infancy by its Persian guardians who hide behind religion in Tehran. And today Hezbollah is attempting to implement these ideas to bring down the legitimate elected government in Lebanon."

-- Satirical liberal columnist Fuad Al-Hashem commented in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan under the title "And Samia and Madiha" (12/03):

"The attire of the six Lebanese ministers who resigned from Siniora's cabinet is Iranian and their features are Syrian."

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